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THE PLUMBERS' LICENSE.

A writer in the Sunday Advertiser was deceived as to the complicity of the Board of Health in the plumbers' license ordinance. Those who favor the measure are quoting the "health authorities" freely as being behind it; but this paper is assured by Mr. Keen, the plumbing inspector, and through him by President Pinkham, that the Board's skirts are clear.

It will be remembered that a bill containing a clause licensing plumbers after examination was defeated in the last Legislature. Failing there, the projectors of the bill are now going to try the supervisors. The object is to form a close corporation of plumbers, equivalent to the disbanded plumbing trust, and put prices up to where they were before the law opened the business to all comers.

One of the strongest opponents of the measure is a white plumber of Honolulu who has all the work he can do and whose labor the plumbing inspector says is first-class. He is a practical man but he might not be able to answer technical questions framed by his competitors. Of course people who are deficient in the English language would be ruled out on general principles. They are now keeping prices in reach of the white householder and that is incompatible with the objects of a plumbing trust.

It is the great point of the combine to prove that for want of a license system insubstantial plumbing is being done all over town. Those who know Inspector Keen do not believe it; and on this point he speaks as follows:

"The party who claims that a great deal of insubstantial plumbing is being done is certainly handling the truth recklessly, for I positively deny this and stand ready to prove my assertion; any attempts at such work is usually quickly discovered and remedied, though we can not be omnipresent."

"During the five years that I have held this position I have endeavored to do my duty without fear or favor, and while subject to error like all human beings, I do not quite like the idea of any one intimating, particularly through your valued columns, that I permit work to be done improperly, when the government pays me to see that it is done correctly."

"I am quite sure, Mr. Editor, that you would not want to do me any injury, and if the person who gave you this information will kindly call and let me know where this insubstantial work is being done, I will see that the matter is remedied at once."

That is the right sort of talk and it ought to have its influence with the County Attorney and the Board of Supervisors, who must have no desire to let their "legs be pulled" by the rapacious combine which went to pieces a few years ago under the hammering of the Federal court and is now trying to come to life again.

WILL HONOLULU BE FOURTH?

An astonishing statement made by Engineering, a standard English periodical, is that there are only three ports in the world which are accessible at all states of the tide to a vessel of 30 feet draft, which is becoming a not uncommon dimension. These ports are named as Marseilles, Genoa and Tacoma. Such a statement is something to make the feathers fly from the plumes put upon descriptions of dozens of harbors in different parts of the world by local people and visitors as well. Harbors "among the finest in the world," harbors "that could shelter the navies of all nations"—of how many ports, developed and undeveloped, have not these things been said? Yet within the past twenty years one important standard of a great commercial port has changed. It has been raised, or rather perhaps it should be deepened, by the increasing size of steamships. About thirteen years ago the standard of Honolulu harbor was materially improved by the dredging of the entrance channel to a depth of thirty feet. Prior to that work even the steamers Alameda and Mariposa would not venture over the bar when a high sea was rolling in from ocean. Lately the much larger steamers Manchuria and Mongolia, when deeply laden, have found that depth of thirty feet inadequate for their entrance. At present the channel and harbor itself are being deepened—partly by Federal and partly by Territorial funds—to thirty-five feet at low tide. Will Engineering prove, when this work is completed, place Honolulu on its roll of honor as No. 4? For, excepting in the rare event of a prodigious "kona" storm, five feet is a safe margin between keel and bottom.

It must indeed be news to the general run of people if the further statements of Engineering are accurate relative to all of the ports mentioned. "Of the greater ports of the world," the article says, "London, Liverpool, Southampton, New York, San Francisco and Quebec could be reached under moderate restrictions, but all other ports would be either rarely accessible or not accessible at all. The vessel could only reach the docks at Barry at high water generally, and those at Havre, Hull, Cardiff and Avonmouth at high water of spring tides, and of a few neaps. Glasgow, Emden, Antwerp and Boston (U. S. A.) would also be temporarily accessible, but at low water of certain tides the vessel would lie stranded alongside the quays, with results that would certainly be serious, and might easily prove disastrous. She might just—though it is doubtful—achieve a passage to Amsterdam. On the other hand, she could never hope to arrive at either Hamburg, Bremen, Dunkirk or Rotterdam. The case of Hamburg is deplorable in the extreme. The Elbe does not afford a draft greater than 27 feet on an ordinary tide."

THE MAUI POTATO BLIGHT.

Blight is hitting the Kula potato fields hard this season. It is a visitation now comparatively ancient among farmers in other parts of the world, yet no surrender has been made to it by countries that adopted the tuber as a staple food culture. Continued rearing of the same soil with potatoes is recognized as one of the chief causes of blight. As corn in Kula—the great corn and potato district of these islands—is also affected, it is quite likely that a rotation of other crops with both of these would prove a remedy.

It may be that the single farm holdings are, in many instances, so small that a division of them between more than one or two products would be a frittering away of resources by the individual farmer. This difficulty might be met by agreement among the farmers of the district to do the rotating of crops by farms instead of fields. An organization of some sort of a produce exchange would perhaps be needed for such an arrangement, whereby the man whose turn it was to leave out the potatoes or the corn in a given season should, if the substitute crop were less profitable in proportion to area, receive equitable compensation from those producing the better paying crops.

At all events, the temperate zone farming of Maui is important enough to have any pest attacking it officially investigated, and if possible means of eradicating it found.

Chicken auctions and importations show that the demand for fowls has vastly increased since the self-help phases of the small farm movement came popular. People find that it pays to keep chickens if the fowls are taken care of and that the talk about this climate being bad for hens is as baseless as is most of the other talk against the truck farming adjuncts of diversified agriculture. Before long, at the present rate of progress, Hawaii will import no eggs.

The Kona orphans, as will be seen by an article published elsewhere, will have a Merry Christmas after all. Honolulu responded as it always does to their appeal. If anyone cares to give money, toys, books, clothing or anything else useful, to be added to the gifts already boxed for shipment, there will be time, in the earliest hours of the forenoon, to leave them with Trent & Co., or at the Gazette office.

The appearance of a police court attorney in the sedate precincts of the Federal court, seems to be giving Judge Dole the time of his life.

AS TO A DELEGATION.

The from taking offense, Mr. Hatch accepts the offer of aid at Washington and suggests a committee of five. It is very important that this committee should be of the right sort.

The Advertiser has no one to suggest, but there are certain qualities which are all important in a committee which has such delicate and responsible work to do before Congress as to propose and secure, for purely local benefit, a change in the fiscal policy of the United States.

In the first place every member of the committee should be distinctively American. A proposition to alter a basic American law should not be made to Congress by aliens.

Secondly, the members of the committee should be thoroughly informed on all points connected with their enterprise and be able to make their arguments and answer those of others with force, clearness and brevity. There should be no long-winded or halting talkers in the party.

Thirdly, a press agent should go with the delegation to give out interviews and to see that the editors of Washington papers, who have great influence upon Congress, are kept in touch with the facts of the Hawaiian case and the logic supporting it. Former annexation commissions found a press agent very useful.

In the fourth place it would be well to send men who have done good work at Washington already, whose acquaintanceship there is wide, who have made reputations before Congress and who will not waste time in learning the ropes.

Fifthly, the members of the delegation should not all belong to one political party.

Sixthly, the delegation should go to Washington in good style and not be stunted in funds for entertainment. More public work may be done and more legislation shaped at dinner tables than in lobbies.

Selection by locality is well enough if it does not interfere with getting the best men for the job.

AN INTERROGATION.

What has come over the spirit of Honolulu society that the gentlemen of the Navy, even when they come with an admiral at their head, are no longer entertained and made to feel at home?

When an English warship comes here every man and woman of British blood, who is accustomed to entertain at all, makes the strangers welcome. The arrival of the Amphitrite about two years ago was the occasion of constant social festivities, and whenever the red and white ensign is seen in the harbor our British society opens all its hospitable doors.

The arrival of the German cruiser Elbe a short time ago set our German society in motion at once; and every evening there was open house somewhere in town for the officers and on many evenings there was entertainment for the men.

Had the officers of the Russian cruiser Lena cared to enjoy themselves socially, all our fashionable people would have been gratified to receive them.

When a United States warship comes, even when it flies an admiral's flag, there is very little doing. The contrast between this social indifference and the functions given in the days of the monarchy, the P. G. and the republic, is very noticeable, particularly to the naval people themselves. Has our American society lost its patriotism?

Father Valentin is quite right in thinking that our hula postal cards have done harm to the general interests of Hawaii; but he will be happy to know that, during his absence, the mails were closed to these indecent missives. People who drop hula cards into the local postoffice do not get the worth of their money, for such things are sent to the dead-letter bureau and eventually destroyed.

Those who are willing to contribute Christmas presents to the children of the Kona Orphanage have little time to spare. There are no doubt many young people in Honolulu having treasures of past seasons in good repair, which they have grown a little too big for enjoying further themselves, and which they will be glad to send to the orphans in Miss Beard's kind care. Send anything suitable to County Treasurer Trent's office or the Hawaiian Gazette Co.'s office right away.

GAMBLING GALORE

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deposit them in a slot in the door or shutter of the agent's house and the latter pays the winners where he can find them through the medium of a paying agent of his own. This covers the head agent's tracks at a slight inconvenience to the lucky players.

Another subterfuge adopted of late by one of the four big banks is the use of a system of signs of a phonographic nature in place of the customary works. The word "mouse" thus represented is "j"; "centipede" is "...." and "silver money" is "0."

The other banks, however, are running along the same lines as heretofore.

About 4 p. m. yesterday there must have been over three hundred natives hanging about the site of old Kaunakapili church, waiting for the announcement of the winning words.

OLD HAND BRANCHES OUT.

Fan-tan and pai-kau are being patronized by hundreds of Chinese every day and night right in the heart of the city. In the basement of the building at the Ewa corner of King and Maunakea streets, the game which was "moved on" by the police some time ago, is working overtime. This lay-out is run by an individual who, for a long time, held the commission of a special police officer but who has of late filled another position. There is every reason to believe, however, that he is still on the county payroll, as he continues to retain his star.

This man has branched out of late and is said to be interested in the fan-tan and pai-kau games which run nightly at the Ewa corner of King and Kekauleke streets, in the upper story of the building formerly used as a feed store. This place has been open about five weeks.

MUST GET ADMISSION TICKET.

Another game said to be conducted in the same interests as the above two, is operated on Smith street, near Hotel street, and on the Waikiki side, entrance being gained by an alleyway at the back of Elung Tai's store. The building, which is a two-story affair, is on the left hand side of the alleyway going in and the game is run in the top story which is practically part of the store. Every Saturday night sees eighty or ninety Chinamen playing and has for the last six weeks. On other nights smaller games are conducted.

All these three places are extensively patronized by Chinese and as soon as the word gets round to one place that there is danger of a raid, the gamblers forthwith pull up stakes and shift the scene of their operations to one of the other two places.

Before a player is allowed admission to any one of the three games mentioned he must first procure a ticket from the ex-police officer referred to, and which has to be presented to the door-keeper to be honored.

MOORE'S JOINT RE-OPENED.

The lights are again burning in Charlie Moore's notorious headquarters

in the three-story house on the mauka side of King street, near Liliha street. The big game which was recently run in the rear of the Maternity Home has found lodgment here and fan-tan and pai-kau flourish day and night.

Two of the biggest Chinese gamblers in Hawaii are partners in this game, which was installed ten days ago. The place has not been visited by the police since Moore cleared out, although complaints have been made to the department about it and the three games above-mentioned. No man has even been sent from police headquarters to investigate.

GAME ON VINEYARD STREET UNMOLESTED.

A Chinese game as big or bigger than the four foregoing is run every night in the stables on Vineyard street, on the Ewa side of the River street bridge, and situated on the mauka side of the street.

This joint has been in active operation for over a year and at least a hundred Chinamen were playing fan-tan and pai-kau there yesterday afternoon and evening. Police officers are said to visit the place from time to time, but notwithstanding this, the game is allowed to run unmolested. A small raid was made, it is true, about two months ago, but a day or two after business was resumed at the old stand.

RARE POLICE ACTIVITY.

In striking contrast to the dilatoriness of the police in this instance, is the startling rapidity with which they raided the Mendocina premises on Smith street and did big damage to plate glass and other property in so doing. This alleged game had only been running a day when the raid took place on the 3rd inst., and over forty arrests were made.

On Sunday last this same place was again raided and forty odd arrests made, while other games in the neighborhood which have been running wide open for weeks and months have never been molested.

THE BONE MILL LAY OUT.

The Kalihl game near the fertilizer works, and which was raided by the police after it had been exposed in the Advertiser, has been running more or less interruptedly ever since. On Friday evening last, however, Officer Apana raided the place and succeeded in making five arrests, notwithstanding that the building was filled with gamblers to the number of, perhaps, seventy.

Who says that the police aren't doing anything?

Who says that there's wide-open gambling in Honolulu? The very ideal!

A FOLLOWER OF INFLUENZA.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. For sale by all Dealers and Druggists. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 p. m. there will be rehearsals for the children of the First Methodist Sunday school. The Christmas exercises will be held Friday evening at 7:30. Friends of the school are invited.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

L. Tenney Peck was at Wailua yesterday.

Representative Moses Nakulua is quite ill at the Queen's Hospital.

Ensign Caspar Goodrich, son of Admiral Goodrich, is ill in bed at the Hawaiian hotel.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Roenitz has returned from serving papers in peonage cases on Maui.

This week's dispatch of mail to the mainland amounted to 336 sacks, all but four of which went to the States. Charles Sheppard, a long time employed in the Honolulu Iron Works, left in the Miowera for the Coast with his wife.

Bishop Restarick yesterday showed the Westminster Glee Party folks around the city, including a visit to the Capitol.

High Sheriff Henry will recommend only five or six prisoners in Oahu prison for parole when the rules are established.

Col. and Mrs. Stevenson are at the Moana after visiting the Volcano. The colonel is proprietor of a hotel at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Another entertainment will be given at the convent Wednesday, 2 p. m., by the ladies who celebrated the jubilee of Rev. Mother Judith there recently.

Contributions for Christmas cheer at the Kona Orphanage may be left at the office of County Treasurer Trent or at the Gazette office. The gifts received yesterday made a good start.

Louis Kenake, who for years has been connected with the Honolulu postoffice, leaves next Tuesday for the Coast. He will go to the Los Angeles postoffice for assignment to duty.

Monsieur Santag, a tailor employed by L. B. Kerr & Co., Ltd., is reported to have been devised property in Panama worth a quarter of a million dollars by a recently dying relative.

President Pinkham is reported in an afternoon paper as saying he can not believe the reports about persons getting in and out of the Kalihl receiving station clandestinely, yet admitting that it might be possible.

A recently returned Chinaman from China is demanding \$100 on a receipt for bail he put up for a friend who appeared in May last year from conviction of gross cheat. Attorney General Peters is investigating the matter.

Many improvements to the Kamehameha Boys' School grounds are being made. The algaroba trees bordering the main roadways from the entrance to the Museum are being thinned out and valuable shrubs and trees are being planted. Grass is also being more generally cultivated.

Countess Senni of Rome, who came to San Francisco to be present at the wedding of her brother, James McKee Spaulding of Honolulu, and Miss Georgie Lacey, which was celebrated Wednesday of this week, left yesterday for Southern California, where she will spend some time.—Chronicle.

An immense mass meeting at Hilo, convened by request of W. H. Babitt, Superintendent of Education, carried Governor Carter's suggestion of reverting to an exchange of land with the Freemasons for securing a High School site. The opposition was hardly worth counting.

The office of the postmaster will be located in the new McCandless building when it is completed next year. Also the office of the registry and money order departments. The postmaster's office will adjourn that of the assistant postmaster in the present building and a door will be cut to connect the two.

Lord & Belser were yesterday awarded the loan fund contract, by the Superintendent of Public Works, to remove 25,000 cubic yards of material, consisting of broken and loose coral, from the dumping grounds on each side of Alakea street slip to the dumping grounds on the Bishop estate property. The contract price is \$3750.

Upon confirmation of sale to him, F. E. Richardson will break up the entire plant of the Pacific Heights railway. Under a stipulation the pending litigation, between the bondholders on one side and the Rapid Transit Co. and its manager on the other, revolves entirely about the money avails from the second sale now awaiting confirmation.

An appeal is made for the children of the Kona (Hawaii) Orphanage for a Christmas remembrance. Any toys, books, clothing, new or second-hand, sent to Mr. Trent or to the Hawaiian Gazette office, King street, will be despatched to the Orphanage next week. Gifts should be left at Mr. Trent's or the Gazette office not later than the 15th.

The Promotion Committee meets at 3 p. m. today.

The veteran vag is no more a vag. He has a job at Wailanae.

R. O. Matheson, a newspaper man of Raymond, Alberta, is making a visit to the island.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Eames of Wailanae are leaving for Los Angeles to reside permanently.

The only deaths from contagious diseases in Honolulu between December 1 and 16 were five from tuberculosis.

Eighteen gamblers were fined three dollars and costs yesterday. Forty-four more arrested under the Adams ordinance came up for hearing today.

Mrs. C. H. Ramsay begs herewith to extend her cordial thanks to all the kind friends for the expressions and gifts of flowers in the hour of her great sorrow.

Mr. Hal Cochran, now stopping at the Hawaiian Hotel, is the foreign representative of Humphrey & Co., the water heater people, of Kalamazoo. He will proceed to the Orient by the Manchuria.

Louis Kenake, for about twelve years a member of the postoffice staff, severed his connection with that office yesterday and today he leaves in the Ventura for Los Angeles where he will be reassigned to duty.

Yesterday afternoon, as an appreciation of their friendship, the clerks of the postoffice presented Mr. Kenake with a gold-headed cane. Mr. Kenake was for a long time an officer in the Hawaiian National Guard, and at one time he was on Governor's Dole's military staff.

BUSINESS CARDS.

H. HUCKLEBERRY & CO., LTD.—General Commission Agents—81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1055, 1057, 1059, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1067, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, 1095, 1097, 1099, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1125, 1127, 1129, 1131, 1133, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1237, 1239, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1275, 1277, 1279, 1281, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1295, 1297, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1327, 1329, 1331, 1333, 1335, 1337, 1339, 1341, 1343, 1345, 1347, 1349, 1351, 1353, 1355, 1357, 1359, 1361, 1363, 1365, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1373, 1375, 1377, 1379, 1381, 1383, 1385, 1387, 1389, 1391, 1393, 1395, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1411, 14